(v) Importing 1.07 lakh tonnes of palmolein oil for supply to consumer through PDS in 1994-95.

(vi) With effect from March, 1995 allowing import of major edible oils under OGL at reduced duty of 30 per cent.

(vii) Allowing cotton import under OGL at zero duty.

(viii) Placing a cap on Central Government's borrowings from the RBI through the issue of ad-hoc Treasury Bills and containing monetary growth through a series of measrues including raising of CRR and sale of Government securities by the RBI.

(ix) Reducing excise and customs duties in 1995-96 budget in a manner designed to reduce inflation.

(c) The 1994-95 expansion in money supply was propelled more by increase in foreign exchange reserves than by monetization of the fiscal deficit.

Budgetary indiscipline

6010. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic reforms implemented by Government have failed due to budgetary indicipline;

(b) whether Government have taken any action to check budgetary indiscipline; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) Growth of unbridled and uncontrolled expenditure is not possible in our system. Expenditure by Ministries Departments has necessarily to be confined within the limit of the expenditure sanctioned through the Appropriation Act. Not only the Internal. Control within the Government, but also auditorial responsibility extends to ensure that the sanctioned povision is spent on purposes for which these are intended.

Further, the economic reforms have brought significant improvements in various sectors of the economy. The growth of the economy which had fallen to less than one per cent in 1991-92 increased to 4.3 per cent in each of the next two years. Economy is estimated to grow by 5.3 per cent in 1994-95.

Effect of Economic Policy of Export and Impoat

6011. SMT. ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the effect on our export and import policy after adopting new economic policy;

(b) whether it is a fact that due to a number of loopholes in our export and import policy, our export is not increasing as per expectation; and

(c) what action Government have taken to increase exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) The new economic policy includes positive changes in trade policy which aim to create an environment that will enable exports to increase at a rapid pace.

In fact, India's exports have increased by 20 per cent in dollar terms in 1993-94 and by more than 18 per cent in dollar terms in 1994-95.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Some of the significant measures initiated by Government to boost exports are:

— Enlargement of EPCG Scheme

— Expansion & liberalisation of advance licenses.

— Additional incentives for ECU units in EPZs.

— Expansion of SIL List.

— Pruning of negative list of imports

— Reconstitution of Board of Trade.

Seizure of Smuggled Gold and Silver at Sea Ports in Gujarat

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6012. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity and the value of smuggled gold and silver seized at sea ports in Gujarat State during the year 1994-95 and till date;

(b) the number of persons arrested and the action taken against them; and

(c) the concrete measures adopted by Government to check the smuggling of gold and silver etc.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR] MURTHY): (a) No seizure of gold and silver has been affected at sea ports in the State of Gujarat during financial year 1994-95.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Field formations. are alert to detect and prevent smuggling including smuggling of gold and silver. Close coordination is being maintained amongst all agencies concerned with detection and prevention of smuggling.

Reduction in import duty on Aluminium

6013. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all household utensils, except pressure cookers, are exempt from the levy of excise duty;

(b) whether it is also a fact that pressure cookers which are energy efficient and an item of mass use is used atleast in 34 million households in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the manufacturers of aluminium circle, main raw material in its manufacture have hiked its price by 40 per cent;

(d) whether it is also fact that it is not feasible to import aluminium circles as there is 40 per cent import duty therein;